

Appl. No. 09/982,304
Amdt. Dated May 22, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 20, 2006

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 4-10. By this amendment, Applicant has modified claims 2, 4, and 8 to incorporate limitations from their respective independent claims. Claim 1 has been canceled. Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all remaining claims now stand in condition for allowance. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required for consideration of this document and to credit any overpayments to deposit account number 20-1495 of the undersigned firm of Trexler Bushnell et al. Applicant notes that the cancel claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Applicant specifically reserves the right to submit a continuation application directed to the subject matter of any canceled claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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